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MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Soviet-Argentine Relations (U)

In addition to the various points raised at last week's PRC on this subject, I believe that we should also enlist our allies and other like-minded countries in the effort to limit Argentina's ties with the Soviet Union. (S)

Argentina clearly wishes to be seen as a full-fledged member of the "West" and its government's raison d'etre is anti-Communism. We have emphasized to Argentina that their close ties to the USSR undercut these objectives and the Argentines should be getting the same message from other countries whom they see as key Western nations. (S)

I suggest, therefore, that we approach our principal European allies, Japan and other countries with whom Argentina has close cultural, trading or other relations. We should brief these countries fully on the extent of the developing Argentine-Soviet relationship and ask them to reinforce the representations that we have made. In this way, Argentina will come to realize that the Soviet tie is not only costly in their bilateral relations with us, but also risks isolating them from a broad range of countries whose opinions they value. (S)

We should be able to move forward along these lines without waiting for the actions of the Interdepartmental Group that was mandated by the PRC. (U)

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